

(3) It fails to actively pursue its role as an economic development center in a manner that makes a significant impact on the performance of the economic development district within which it is located; or

(4) The economic development center is no longer part of a designated economic development district.

(b) The termination of the designation of an economic development district and termination of the designation of an economic development center may be done concurrently.

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#### **§ 302.14 Redevelopment centers.**

EDA may recognize a redevelopment center which meets the criteria for economic development centers, but which falls in a designated redevelopment area. There is no limit on the size of the population of a redevelopment center.

### **Subpart C—Financial and Other Assistance to Economic Development Centers and Districts**

#### **§ 302.15 Financial assistance to economic development centers.**

EDA may provide financial assistance in accordance with the criteria contained in part 305 of this chapter for projects in economic development centers (EDCs) when:

(a) The project will further enhance the objectives of the OEDP of the district in which the EDC is located;

(b) The project will enhance the relationship between the EDC and the EDD, particularly the redevelopment areas; and

(c) The project will achieve one or more of the following:

- (1) Encourage economic growth;
- (2) Discourage out-migration from the district; and
- (3) Have a beneficial impact on the district's redevelopment areas.

#### **§ 302.16 Economic development center project characteristics.**

Projects in EDCs shall have one or more of the following characteristics:

- (a) High job producing capability;

(b) Remove barriers of access to jobs for the target population;

(c) Ability to trigger further project activity;

(d) Ability to trigger further economic impact; or

(e) Provision of facilities and services deemed essential to stimulate further growth, at a level above that normally required for simple maintenance of a substantial community.

#### **§ 302.17 Grant rate for economic development center projects.**

The grant rate for projects under Title I of the Act in EDCs, which are growth centers not located in designated redevelopment areas, shall not exceed 50 percent of the project costs except for the ten percent bonus provided for in § 302.18 and § 305.9 of this chapter.

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#### **§ 302.18 Financial assistant redevelopment centers.**

The eligibility of redevelopment centers for EDA financial assistance, including the ten percent bonus as provided for herein, is the same as for any designated redevelopment area within the district. The grant rate for the redevelopment center shall be determined by the rate applicable to the redevelopment area within which it is located.

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#### **§ 302.19 Assistance to economic development districts.**

Pursuant to Title III of the Act, EDA may provide other assistance to the district including:

- (a) Technical assistance;
- (b) Planning grants under part 307 of this chapter to assist the district organization in engaging a professional staff and carrying out its planning activities; and
- (c) Research assistance.

### **PART 303—OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

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#### § 303.1 Purpose and scope.

(a) Approval of an OEDP is generally a prerequisite for designation of a redevelopment area or economic development district; and

(b) A redevelopment area or economic development district, where appropriate, is required to maintain a currently approved OEDP to retain its previous designation for eligibility to receive EDA funds.

#### § 303.2 Redevelopment area—District OEDP's.

Those qualified areas within existing economic development districts may use the district's accepted OEDP in lieu of a separate area OEDP when the following conditions have been met:

(a) The area actively participates in and supports the district OEDP planning process; and

(b) The area submits a letter or resolution to EDA signed by the area's chief elected official, governing body, or the local OEDP committee stating that the area will use the district OEDP.

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#### § 303.3 Redevelopment area OEDP committee.

(a)(1) The primary purpose of this committee is to develop an ongoing development program and to prepare the Area OEDP.

(2) Redevelopment area OEDP committees are required only in areas not located in EDDs. EDA recommends OEDP committees in all areas whenever practicable.

(b) OEDP committees shall be representative of the community so that all viewpoints are considered in discussion and decisionmaking and all available local skills are engaged in program formulation. To the extent practicable, representation on these committees shall include those from local

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government, business, industry, finance, agriculture, the professions, organized labor, utilities, education, minorities, and the unemployed or underemployed.

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#### § 303.4 Initial OEDP.

(a) The initial OEDP should contain the following information:

(1) Background on the area or district's economic development situation, including for example a discussion of the district or area's:

- (i) Geography;
- (ii) Population;
- (iii) Labor force, including minority and female;
- (iv) Natural and manmade resources;
- (v) Economic and social activities; and
- (vi) Environmental considerations.

(2) An examination of economic and community development, opportunities and problems, including for example, identification of current major activities of other organizations involved in economic and community development and improvement; and

(3) A realistic action plan that will:  
(i) Promote the district or area's economic progress;

(ii) Improve community facilities and services; and  
(iii) Serve as a basis for a continuing planning and development program.

(b) In addition to requirements in paragraph (a) of this section, OEDPs for districts must contain the following:  
(1) Proposed designation or recognition of at least one growth center; and  
(2) Description of the role of the proposed center in implementing the district wide development program, particularly as it relates to redevelopment areas.

#### § 303.5 Approval process for initial OEDPs.

(a) The completed initial OEDP must be reviewed and commented upon by appropriate:

- (1) Governmental bodies;
  - (2) Interest groups; and
  - (3) EDA Regional Office.
- (b) If the OEDP is approved, copies must be made available to interested

parties by the designated area or district.

(c) If the initial OEDP is inadequate, the EDA Regional Office will contact the chairman of the OEDP committee by letter stating deficiencies and allowing additional time for corrections to be made and reviewed by EDA.

#### **§ 303.6 The continuing program.**

(a) After designation by EDA the area or district shall implement the development program as updated and made known to EDA through annual reports or revised OEDPs.

(b) No financial assistance for a designated area or district will be awarded if it:

(1) Has not submitted a timely annual report;

(2) Has submitted a deficient annual report; or

(3) Has not corrected noted deficiencies.

(c) Revised OEDPs.

(1) A revised OEDP will be required if EDA determines that the initial OEDP of the area or district is inadequate, or outdated.

(2) The area or district may choose to revise its initial OEDP if the OEDP committee determines that a complete reassessment of the local situation or a complete reassessment of the economic development program is desirable.

(3) A revised OEDP may be submitted in lieu of the annual OEDP progress report.

(4) Before any revised OEDP for a district is approved by EDA, it shall be reviewed by appropriate:

(i) Governmental bodies;

(ii) Interest groups; and

(iii) EDA Regional Office.

### **PART 304—GENERAL SELECTION PROCESS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA**

304.1 General selection process and evaluation criteria for programs under PWEDA.

304.2 Demonstration project assistance under Section 301(f) of PWEDA.

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#### **§ 304.1 General selection process and evaluation criteria for programs under PWEDA.**

EDA has established a streamlined and uniform selection process based upon a short proposal and standardized application form with attachments as applicable to each particular program. Additional information if any, is set forth in program specific parts/sections. EDA applies uniform evaluation criteria to all programs, as well as evaluation criteria which are set forth in parts 305, 307 and 308 of this chapter.

(a) The selection process is described as follows:

(1) For projects to be funded under parts 305, 307 and 308 of this chapter proponents will submit forms to EDA during the selection process as follows:

(i) There will be a brief proposal on the OMB approved form, number 0610-0094, consisting of the face sheet (SF-424) and two additional pages, except for projects under part 307, subparts C and D, of this chapter for which proponents may include more than two pages if necessary to provide adequate information to EDA upon which to make an informed determination whether to invite a more comprehensive proposal and application, including for example, budget, scope of work and capability statements.

(ii) There will be a standard application for all programs which will include an additional attachment for each program as appropriate.

(2) For projects to be funded under part 307—Subparts A, B, E and F and parts 305 and 308 of this chapter, requirements are as follows:

(i) Initial contact with EDA will generally be through contact with the appropriate Economic Development Representative (EDR) (see § 300.4 of this chapter) who will provide assistance as needed in filling out the proposal as described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(ii) Such proposals, whether received through contact with the appropriate Economic Development Representative (EDR) or Regional Office of EDA, shall have the opportunity to be formally reviewed by the appropriate Regional Office Project Review Committee (consisting of at least three EDA officials) (PRC). Generally, an EDR will evaluate